

design, but told him, he could not consent, that what belonged by right to the good, should be given to the unworthy. When these children, said he, become like you and master Thompson, I shall not only be pleased with you for encouraging their improvement, but I will add presents to yours, for their instruction and entertainment. And now, my dear master Thompson, let me hear you read a story.

Master Thompson immediately did as he was desired, making every proper stop, and pronouncing every word with the utmost propriety. Charles Nichols then did the same, and at Mr. Allworthy's desire, they then stood up, and spelt extremely well, and if either of them happened to forget a word, he asked the other how it was spelt, and thanked him for the
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information which was given him, with the utmost modesty and good-nature.

Master Thompson and Charles Nichols then went with Mr. Allworthy, to take a walk in his garden; he told the other children, he should not ask them then to go with him and the good boys, but that he should always be glad to see any of them, who improved by an imitation of their examples. Master Thompson asked little Charles to ride home with him in his chariot; which offer he gladly accepted, not so much, he said, for the pleasure of the ride (though that would be agreeable to him) as for the enjoyment of master Thompson's company, which might be an improvement to him.

Mr. Allworthy then gave these two excellent children an invitation to his
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